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Sam Mills, Ramon Galloway and the La Salle Explorers take on Wichita State at 10:17 tonight. / GETTY IMAGES

Lock, schlock and barrel

Shintoho has cranked out some crud, but we're now celebrating the Japanese studio. PAGES 16-17

Philly's accent is changing

UPenn researchers wax poetic on our weird turns of phrase. Do we still have a southern drawl? PAGE 02

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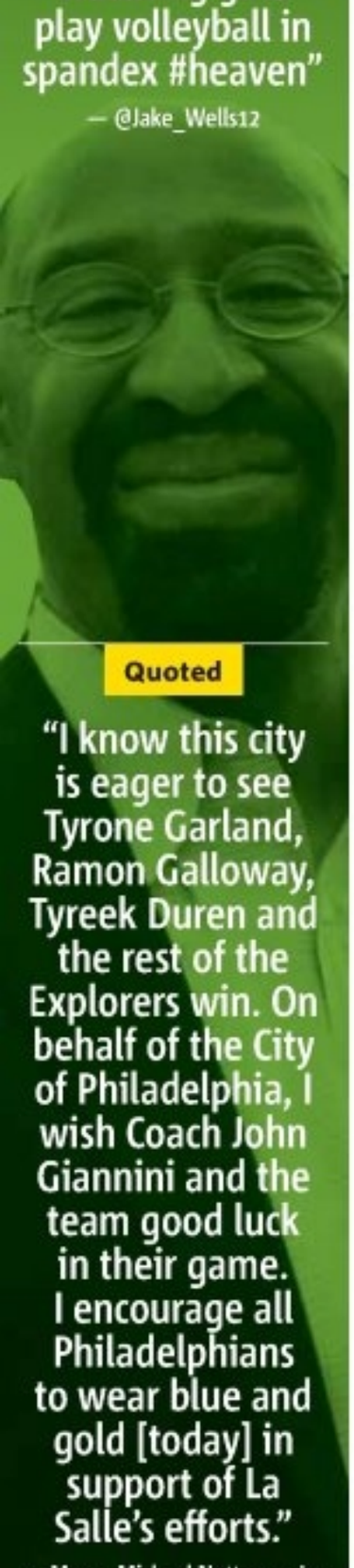

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"I know this city is eager to see Tyrone Garland, Ramon Galloway, Tyreek Duren and the rest of the Explorers win. On behalf of the City of Philadelphia, I wish Coach John Giannini and the team good luck in their game. I encourage all Philadelphians to wear blue and gold [today] in support of La Salle's efforts."

—Mayor Michael Nutter, on La Salle's Sweet 16 game tonight

Philly accent isn't dying, just evolving

Speak. The Philly accent is losing its southern influence but a northern one is taking over. Now, how 'bout some wooder ice?

Don't worry. You can still call it "wooder."

The Philly accent isn't dying, but as University of Pennsylvania researchers found in a 100-year study of our muddy mumbles, it's evolving.

"We're not saying the Philadelphia accent is going away," said Burholme native Josef Fruehwald, who co-authored the study with linguistics professor Bill Labov. "It's just changing in a different direction than it was before."

The study found the traditional Philadelphia accent has changed in the last century. The strong southern influence is out, and a more northern influence is taking over.

Think of the "oww" sound in "cow." It would find its way into "howwse" and "sowwnd." Now it's edging closer to the authentic pronunciations of house and sound.

Labov also used the example of how a "snake" in the grass becomes a "sneak" in the grass in a Philadelphia accent.

Labov said some of the differences in the language have been changing in the same direction for more than 100 years.

"And then another surprise we discovered is that it turned around and went the other way," Labov said.

And if doesn't matter how your parents spoke.

"No matter what accent your parents have, if you grew up in Philadelphia you adopt a Philadelphia accent."

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"You're the emblem of the land I love." Philly honors its flags.

Robert Fuller Houston, a Civil War reenactor, looks up at the raising of the Philadelphia civic flag during the city's celebration of Philadelphia Flag Day Wednesday, honoring the 118th birthday of the Philadelphia flag. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Courts. Suit claims police pillaged auto shop, stole cash

Former auto body shop owner Michael Tierney and mechanic Warren Layre filed a federal lawsuit against Philadelphia and five police officers for allegedly abusing their rights during a 2011 bust.

Layre claims officers hit him in the head with a steel pipe, kicked in his teeth and threatened to kill him.

He says police seized nearly $430,000, portions of which they allegedly pocketed rather than officially reported.

Tierney claims officers did not have a warrant but broke his door down with a battering ram. METRO

NCAA

State wants its money

Treasurer Rob McCord yesterday sued the NCAA for the first installment of $12 million in penalties Penn State University paid in the Jerry Sandusky abuse case.
The suit claims some of the money came from the state, which last year gave the college $214 million. METRO

Hit-and-run. Driver sought for striking off-duty police officer

Philadelphia police are looking for a driver who struck an off-duty police officer early yesterday morning during a hit-and-run on the 2300 block of East Cumberland Street in Fishtown.

The 28-year-old officer, who was hit shortly after 2 a.m., is hospitalized in critical but stable condition with a head wound.

The vehicle is described as a black Lincoln MKS with minor damage to the passenger side windshield and a possible dented hood.

It was last seen traveling east on Cumberland Street toward Aramingo Avenue. METRO

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Biting her time: Woman gets mouthy

Assault. A Delaware woman allegedly bit a Sears guard who caught her shoplifting. Police said it wasn't the first time.

Delaware State Police arrested a New Castle woman Tuesday for allegedly biting a Sears employee who caught her stealing from Concord Mall, then attempting to carjack a woman in the parking lot.

Police said a 33-year-old Sears security guard saw a woman — later identified as Kenyetta Reed, 21, — pocketing store merchandise.

The employee caught up with Reed in the mall parking lot, touching off a struggle during which Reed allegedly bit him several times.

Kenyetta Reed, 21
DELAWARE STATE POLICE

A 48-year-old woman who was driving by tried to intervene, but when she got out of her car, Reed allegedly hopped inside.

Police said bystanders were able to prevent Reed from putting the car in gear and pulled her out of the vehicle.

She then allegedly kicked the vehicle owner repeatedly and attempted to bite the Sears officer several more times.

Police discovered in Reed's possession stolen merchandise from Sears and three other stores.

Investigators said she lied to officers about her name, but one of them recognized her from a previous incident during which she allegedly bit and stabbed a Sports Authority security guard during a separate incident in February.

Reed faces a host of charges, including offensive touching with saliva.

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Reunited

Mike and Ike are back together

After a year of separating due to "irreconcilable differences," candy duo Mike and Ike have reunited. Bethlehem manufacturer Just Born, Inc. celebrated with new packaging and a mock movie trailer about the reunion. METRO

Convicted

Man jailed in beating death

Gerard Shaffer Jr. was sentenced to up to 23 months in jail yesterday for the 2010 death of Mark Wallace. Shaffer and his father beat Wallace to death because he was "walking too slow" in front of their SUV. Shaffer's father died before his trial began. METRO

Something's off here ...

John Jarboe, in the dress and stilts, and Heath Allen, members of the Bearded Ladies Cabaret, promote the upcoming Civil War cabaret "Wide Awake" during the Philadelphia International Festival of Arts 2013 press preview yesterday at the Kimmel Center. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

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This is one Seder not to pass over

Cultural. The Jewish history museum's Freedom Seder celebrates all religions. The story of freedom is universal.

The National Museum of American Jewish History and Project Understanding are holding a Freedom Seder tonight to commemorate the Jewish religion of Passover.

"I am not Jewish, but I am intrigued by the tradition of passing the story down from generation to generation so you will never forget," said speaker and activist David Acosta.

Robert Levin, museum community relations outreach liaison for the museum, said the Seder fits in with the museum's exhibit, "Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow: Jewish Refugee Scholars at Black Colleges."

Levin stressed the Passover story of freedom and slavery is universal and shared by many cultures.

"Although recent generations of Jews were not slaves, the Jews and the blacks have a shared history of slavery," he said. "Everyone has an Egypt. My Hispanic friends say, 'Viva Simon Bolivar.'"

Rev. Channing Phillips, Arthur Waskow and Topper Carew attended the 1969 Freedom Seder / COURTESY

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Robert Levin

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Analysis

A variety of speakers

The Shalom Center's Rabbi Arthur Waskow, an original Freedom Seder organizer, will speak tonight.

"After the assassination, it was a terrible time. We knew we had to do something to heal the community," he said.

Other speakers include: Philadelphia City Councilman David Oh; Dr. Mark Tyler Kelly, senior pastor of Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church; and community activist David Acosta.

Nutter admins say Blackwell won't play ball with district AVI meetings

City Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell asked why Mayor Michael Nutter's administration stopped hosting community meetings on the Actual Value Initiative in her 3rd district.

Administration said yesterday that Blackwell is not supporting its offer to host "drop-in," or one-on-one meetings instead.

Mark McDonald, Nutter's press secretary, said eight of the 10 district council members have partnered with the administration on "drop-in" meetings. "So you don't have to have a mass meeting.

"You don't have to sit there ... and listen to people complain and create fear."

"Jannie Blackball specifically refused to do these," he said.

"That's not true," Blackwell said. "I have no information about any drop-ins. ... I don't know anything about it. I'm happy to be available, I'm happy to attend any meeting that I learn of in my district or about my district, but I have no knowledge to what he refers."

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"I don't know anything about it."

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CIA. Petraeus says he's sorry for affair, moves to mend image

Former CIA Director David Petraeus apologized yesterday for the extramarital affair that forced his November resignation and acknowledged the toll it took on his family, career and reputation.

His appearance at an event honoring University of Southern California veterans and Reserve Officers' Training Corps students was his first public speech since the storied Army general's career was cut short by the scandal.

Petraeus noted that "life doesn't stop with such a mistake. It can and must go on."

"I know that I can never fully assuage the pain that I inflicted on those closest to me and on a number of others," Petraeus said.

"I can, however, try to move forward in a manner that is consistent with the values to which I subscribed before slipping my moorings and, as best as possible, to make amends to those I have hurt and let down." REUTERS

Gun violence

Sheriff releases Gabby Giffords shooting papers

The sheriff's office that responded to the 2011 mass shooting attack in Tucson, Ariz., that wounded former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, released more than 2,700 pages of documents on yesterday related to its investigation, an official said.

The release of the records comes just over four months after Jared Lee Loughner, 24, a college dropout with a history of psychiatric problems, was sentenced to life in prison for committing the rampage that killed six people and wounded 13 others, including Giffords.

The trove of documents released by the Pima County Sheriff's Department includes transcripts of witness accounts, calls to emergency responders and case reports from the dozens of detectives and officers who responded to the shooting, said Deputy Thomas Peine, a spokesman for the agency.

No photos are included in the release because the department is still reviewing them, Peine added. REUTERS

Supreme Court still debates marriage law

Same-sex marriage supporters demonstrate in front of the Supreme Court yesterday. / GETTY IMAGES

DOMA. Highest court continues discussing striking down law denying federal benefits to same-sex couples.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, a potential swing vote, warned of the "risks" that the Defense of Marriage Act infringes upon the traditional role of the states in defining marriage.

The 1996 U.S. law denies married same-sex couples access to federal benefits by defining marriage as between a man and a woman. Kennedy referred to DOMA as "inconsistent" because it purports to give authority to the states to define marriage while limiting recognition of those determinations.

On the liberal side of the bench, Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Justice Elena Kagan echoed some of Kennedy's concerns about the states' rights issue.

"What gives the federal government the right to be concerned at all about the definition of marriage?" Sotomayor said. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg also raised concerns about the law, stressing how important federal recognition is to any person who is legally married. Comparing marriage status with types of milk, Ginsburg said that a gay marriage endorsed by a state, but not recognized by the federal government, could be viewed as the equivalent of "skim milk."

The law is the focus of a second day of oral arguments before the high court. It is possible the court would not reach the wider issue in the DOMA case because of preliminary legal matters relating to whether the court can hear it.

On that issue, conservative justices criticized the decision by President Obama to abandon the defense of DOMA and question his willingness to defend other laws passed by Congress and challenged in court. "It's very troubling," Kennedy said. REUTERS

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"It affects every area of life."

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg
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Guilty. Lawyers for Colorado theater gunman plead guilty

Defense attorneys for the 25-year-old man accused of killing 12 people in a shooting rampage at a Denver-area movie theater have offered to have him plead guilty in exchange for a life prison term, according to court documents made public yesterday.

Lawyers for James Holmes say in the court papers that prosecutors have not yet responded to their offer, which would spare their client the death penalty. Holmes is scheduled to be in court on Monday for a hearing in the high-profile case.

A spokeswoman for the Arapahoe County District Attorney's Office could not immediately be reached for comment.

REUTERS

James Holmes will appear in court Monday. / GETTY IMAGES

Web slowed by biggest cyber attack in history

Internet hacking. The war between Spamhaus and Cyberbunker is derailing the Net.

The biggest cyber attack in history is slowing Internet speeds around the world as hackers take on spam-fighting group Spamhaus. Netflix is among the sites severely affected.

Spamhaus claims to have been under attack for a week, following a decision to flag the Cyberbunker site as hosting spam. Spamhaus CEO Steve Linford said the Distributed Denial of Service attacks are unprecedented. "Attacks are peaking at 300 gigabytes per second. … Attacks against major banks, we're talking about 50," he said, adding this was enough to disable government networks.

The attack is retaliation for Spamhaus' abuse of power, according to Sven Olaf Kamphuis, who claims to represent Cyberbunker. "We are not spamming, and in any case they are not authorized to sabotage companies," Kamphuis said. "Their blacklist works as a form of blackmail by publishing personal details."

Kamphuis claims his group's retaliation is over but Internet users can expect ongoing difficulties.

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Dirty bird. Fine dropped for pet bird with a foul mouth

A Rhode Island city has dropped its case against a woman who was fined $15 for violating a noise ordinance after her pet cockatoo allegedly swore at her ex-husband's girlfriend, who lived with him next door, a lawyer said yesterday.

Warwick Municipal Court fined Lynne Taylor in September following a series of complaints from the neighbor over noise from the parrot and other offenses, said Taylor's lawyer, Stephen Peltier.

The bird allegedly used salty language to refer to the neighbor, but Peltier said the bird was merely saying "knock it off," and that the noise ordinance was unconstitutional because it was highly subjective and intended for dog-barking. REUTERS

Going, going, gone

Rare dodo bird bone up for sale in London

A rare 4-inch fragment of a dodo bone will go on sale in Britain in April, around 300 years after the flightless bird and icon of obsolescence was hunted to extinction.

Auctioneers Christie's said it was hoping for as much as $22,600 for the piece of a bird's femur. The last sale of dodo remains the auction house could find took place in London in 1934 — and it was expecting interest from a highly specialized band of collectors and enthusiasts. REUTERS

Victory for Comcast in anti-trust court case

Several business and conservative groups, as well as chipmaker Intel Corp., supported Comcast's appeal. / GETTY IMAGES

Class action. Comcast was accused of overcharging cable TV subscribers.

The Supreme Court yesterday ruled in favor of Comcast Corp. in a case over how much it charged a group of cable TV subscribers, the latest blow against consumers hoping to pursue class action lawsuits.

In a 5-4 decision, the court said 2 million subscribers in the Philadelphia area could not sue Comcast as a group.

These subscribers claimed in an antitrust lawsuit that the largest U.S. cable TV company overcharged them as part of an effort to monopolize the market.

But Justice Antonin Scalia wrote for the majority that the subscribers fell "far short" of establishing that damages could be accurately measured for the entire group.

He said the proposed class was too diverse in the claims they raised and in where they lived, causing individual damages calculations to "overwhelm" issues common to everyone. REUTERS

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"There is no question that the model failed to measure damages resulting from the particular antitrust injury on which [Comcast's] liability in this action is premised."

Justice Antonin Scalia

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Boeing 787 faces new risk: Limits on extended range

More trouble. Grounding the 787 has already cost Boeing an estimated $450 million.

As Boeing works to regain permission for its 787 Dreamliner to resume flights, the company faces what could be a costly new challenge: a temporary ban on some of the long-distance, transoceanic journeys that the jet was intended to fly.

Aviation experts and government officials say the Federal Aviation Administration may shorten the permitted flying time of the 787 on certain routes when it approves a revamped battery system. The plane was grounded worldwide two months ago after lithium-ion batteries overheated on two separate aircraft.

Losing extended operations, or ETOPS, would deal a blow to Boeing and its airline customers by limiting use of the fuel-saving jet, designed to lower costs on long-distance routes that don't require the capacity of the larger Boeing 777. Such a loss could even lead to cancellation of some routes. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"If the FAA approves [only] over-land operations, it would be a very damaging blow to the 787 program."

Scott Hamilton
An aviation analyst with Leeham Co. in Seattle

A step-by-step return to full, extended flight would give regulators more time to study the effectiveness of Boeing's battery fix. / GETTY

Convicted

Beheaded murderer

Saudi Arabia beheaded a convicted murderer and crucified his body in public in the city of Juzan.

The killer, a Yemeni citizen, was convicted of murdering a Pakistani man after the pair had gay sex – a strict taboo in the ultra-conservative Islamic state of Saudi Arabia. **METRO**

Infant mortality

Stillbirth danger

Pregnant women who sleep on their back increase the risk of having a stillbirth, according to a new study.

The sleeping position has been linked to low birth weight in newborn babies, which seemed to increase infant mortality, according to research. **METRO**

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Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Steve Martin has big plans for his work, Kirstie Alley is experiencing technical difficulties, Anna Kendrick is a fan of tech support and Lena Dunham has found the perfect companion.

@SteveMartinToGo: I hope to go down in history with this historic Tweet. Yes, the one you are reading right now. It's got it all.

@kirstiealley: my timeline is broken... ouch

@AnnaKendrick47: A man fixing your computer is the new chopping firewood; makes a lady feel safe and warm. #Swoon

@lenadunham: Just turned around and my dog was opening an Amazon box. So, friends and family, great knowing you but it seems we have it covered here.

1 McHale and Oscars: Not yet

Joel McHale doesn't expect to be hosting the Oscars next year, even if his fans think he's perfect for the gig. "They're not going to call me," McHale said during an interview with Larry King, responding to a fan-submitted question about whether he'd entertain the thought of hosting the Academy Awards. "Would I entertain the thought? I just entertained it. I was very entertained. So was the thought. The thought was like, 'This was a great time.'"

2 Female NBC reporters come out as couple

Just in time for the arguments the Supreme Court is hearing on gay marriage, two bold-faced names came out of the closet: Jenna Wolfe, the weekend anchor on the "Today" show announced yesterday that she is in a relationship with fellow NBC journalist Stephanie Gosk — and the two are expecting a baby girl in August. "Something just sort of told me it was time. Two years into a great relationship we felt like we wanted to share our adventures with a wide-eyed, little person," she wrote on a newly created blog for the show, where she will chronicle her adventures in pregnancy and parenting. "The more we talked about it, the better the idea seemed. And so in December, we embarked on Operation Baby. And might I just add that despite the morning sickness, it's been the best decision we've ever made."

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip

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4 Panettiere engaged

Hayden Panettiere has secretly gotten engaged to her much, much taller Ukranian boxer beau, Wladimir Klitschko, according to Us Weekly. "Very few people know, and she isn't wearing her ring publicly yet," a source says. "Looks like a summer wedding." Panettiere and Klitschko split up in 2011 after two years of dating, and they have not officially confirmed they are back together, despite several public displays of affection over the past few months.

5 Meet Bieber's spit

Justin Bieber is facing battery accusations from a neighbor who claims he made threats during an argument near his Los Angeles home. It appears Bieber decided to take his new Ferrari for a spin around his gated community at speeds of up to 100 mph. His neighbor, who TMZ says is a 47-year-old and father of three, began to yell at Bieber for driving so fast. Bieber reportedly responded by spitting in his face and stating: "I'm gonna f–king kill you." If that guy has a 16-year-old daughter, she is going to be sooooo mortified.

3 Stay off my Hammaconda!

Jon Hamm is growing tired of the attention his private parts have been receiving (the tabloid press has hilariously dubbed it "the Hammaconda"). "Most of it's tongue-in-cheek, but it is a little rude," he tells Rolling Stone of the photos spread online of the outline of his crotch. "They're called 'privates' for a reason. I'm wearing pants, for f—'s sake. Lay off." Of course, the star doesn't want to come off as a complainer. "I mean, it's not like I'm a f—ing lead miner. There are harder jobs in the world," he says. "But when people feel the freedom to create Tumblr accounts about my c—, I feel like that wasn't part of the deal." Better than the alternative, Hamm. We could be talking about your Hammapillar.

ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN (AND WOMEN)

The screenwriters of "Olympus Has Fallen" talk about getting too close to the truth and discovering strange but true factoids about the White House.

"We don't think anything like this could ever happen," Creighton Rothenberger says with a smile. In his film, "Olympus Has Fallen," which he co-wrote with his wife Katrin Benedikt, terrorists break into the White House, wipe out the Secret Service team and kidnap the president. But is this really so implausible?

In the film, Gerard Butler stars as the lone surviving Secret Service agent after the massacre and the only one who can save the day. Rothenberger and Benedikt acknowledge the obvious "'Die Hard' in the White House" line, and insist they were trying to one-up that film's corporate skyscraper setting. "The kernel of the idea was what would be the most impossible building to take over in the world? And we said the White House. But how would you take it over?"

Quoted

"Obviously [White House officials] don't tell you anything, but you use your imagination on what might be there. Then when we were in preproduction, we met with Secret Service people. And they told us a lot of what we had guessed and imagined was close to reality."

Creighton Rothenberger, co-screenwriter of "Olympus Has Fallen"

The terrorists are North Korean rogue agents. The main villain, played by Rick Yune, seeks revenge against a nation that has helped keep his country apart. "We wanted a villain whose mind-set was that he was in the right," Rothenberger explains. "He thought he had a reason to lash out against the United States. He thinks he is the hero. But you have to stop him because, you know, we disagree."

Rothenberger says that director Antoine Fuqua ("Training Day") aimed to keep it "real" and "gritty." But not too real. "When you see an action movie, obviously you suspend belief a little bit," says Benedikt. "But you don't want to be suspending belief every other minute. That takes you out of the movie. But I think you can get away with one or two [logic lapses]."

Actually, the two had to avoid certain things they discovered through research because they might sound too outlandish. "We learned that when a motorcade [from another country] comes into the White House driveway, they can't question those guys," explains Rothenberger. "They can't go into their vehicles. They could have guns inside, yet because of diplomatic protocol you can't check them out. We didn't put that in there because no one's going to buy that."

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International House is screening the horror flick "Vampire Bride." / INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

Film. The Japanese film studio churned out plenty of schlock. But the inventive results have their own charm.

If you can't beat 'em, load up on guns and ghosts. That was the approach taken by the short-lived but influential Japanese film studio Shintoho, the subject of a three-day, seven-film retrospective at International House. Formed in 1947 during a strike by employees of the famed Toho Company (home of Akira Kurosawa and Godzilla), Shintoho initially tried to compete with its estranged parent on its own ground, releasing films by renowned directors like Kurosawa, Kenji Mizoguchi and Yasujiro Ozu. But within

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"Like any scrappy independent studio, Shintoho was more willing to take chances."

Curator Jesse Pires

a few years, the studio had turned to low-budget genre fare.

"Like any scrappy independent studio, Shintoho was more willing to take chances," says I-House curator Jesse Pires, who culled this weekend's selections from film critic Mark Schilling's "Nudes! Ghosts! Guns!" — a program hosted by the 2010 Far East Film Festival in Udine, Italy. Pires compares Shintoho to Roger Corman's American Independent Pictures, which launched the careers of numerous filmmakers via low-budget schlock.

"The films in this series represent the more offbeat side of the Shintoho catalog," Pires says. Selections include the horror films "Ghost Story of Yotsuya," "Vampire Bride" and "Ghost Cat of Otama Pond," the black comedy "The Horizon Glitters," and the women-in-prison drama "Death Row Woman," which Pires calls "the sleeper hit of the series."

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"Many of the directors who made films for Shintoho studios emphasize the fact that these films were made cheaply and quickly," Pires says. "Of course, that doesn't necessarily mean that the films lack quality craftsmanship. Like all talented filmmakers, these directors made the most of limited resources to create highly stylized films that far exceed genre conventions.

"Ghost Cat of Otama Pond" / INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

From atmospheric ghost stories to fast paced film noir, the Shintoho films are a fantastic mixture of pulpy pop culture and homespun charm."

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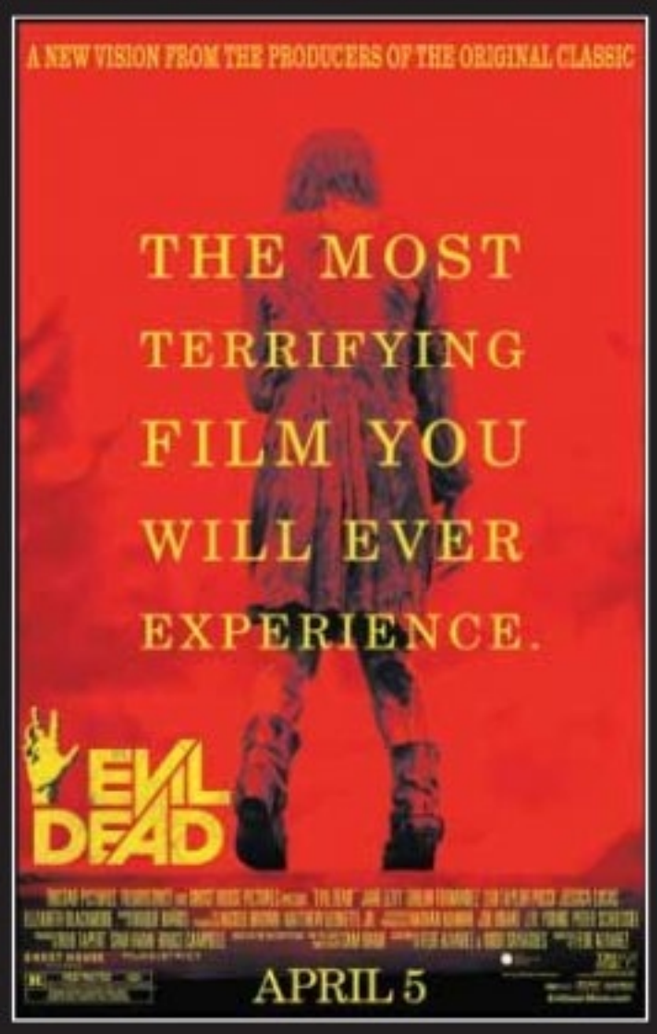
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Ray Park and Dwayne Johnson star in "G.I. Joe: Retaliation." / JAIMIE TRUEBLOOD

1 'G.I. Joe: Retaliation' Reshoots on this Hasbro sequel to unkill Channing Tatum have resulted in not that much Tatum. This time, Marlon Wayans and Joseph Gordon-Levitt, though, are MIA.

2 'The Host' There are no more "Twilight"s to film, but there is a Stephenie Meyers novel about aliens — emo aliens.

3 'Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor' Jurnee Smolett-Bell plays a marriage counselor who starts a torrid affair with a cyber mogul.

4 'Beyond the Hills' Cristian Mungiu finally follows up the razor-sharp abortion saga "4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days" with this equally intense, if less topical, tale of a disturbed woman who gradually creates panic at a convent.

5 'Ginger & Rosa' Filmmaker Sally Potter returns with this somewhat calmed down tale of adolescent female friendship with the talented Elle Fanning cast as Christina Hendricks' rebellious daughter.

6 'The Silence' "Cold Case" mixes with a dour "Twin Peaks" for this German drama, in which a town once shocked by the unsolved disappearance of a girl is shocked once again when an apparent copycat crime occurs.

7 'The Sapphires' Chris O'Dowd ("Bridesmaids") stars in this dramedy about an all-girl group in the '60s comprised entirely of Aboriginal girls.

8 'Everybody Has a Plan' Viggo Mortensen not only speaks Spanish in this Argentine drama, but plays twins. When one brother wants out of his suffocating life, the other takes his part. Hilarity ensues. (It doesn't.)

9 'Somebody Up There Likes Me' Nick Offerman co-stars in the latest from deadpan indie filmmaker Bob Byington, about a young man so bored that he never ages as the narrative spans 35 years.

10 'Olympus Has Fallen' The first of the year's "Die-Hard-in-the-White-House" pics is, alas, the one without any Channing Tatum.

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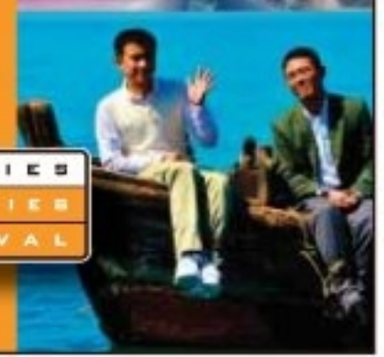

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Documentary

'Fall to Grace'

Documentary filmmaker Alexandra Pelosi (daughter of Nancy) depicts the story of Jim McGreevey, the New Jersey governor who resigned from office and sought to become an Episcopal priest after his gay extramarital affair was exposed in 2004. Premiere, 8 p.m., HBO

Talk show

'Kathy'

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Derek Lam for DesigNation, $70
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Style. These limited editions from Kenzo and Derek Lam are swoon-worthy.

Derek Lam for Kohl's

This is what we have to say about Derek Lam's collection for Kohl's DesigNation: We pretty much want it all. The CFDA Award winner is the second designer to participate in the department store's effort to bring the runway to the masses. For his turn, Lam drew inspiration from a trip to Rio de Janeiro to create his collection of feminine, sophisticated staples in bold jungle-inspired prints and bright colors. Retail prices for the line range from $36 to $88 and will be available at Kohl's stores nationwide and on www.kohls.com on April 5.

Kenzo X Vans

Kenzo is killing it with the prints. The brand, headed by creative directors Humberto Leon and Carol Lim, teamed up with sneaker icon Vans for a new spring capsule collection that has us swooning. Like the main line, which showed during Paris Fashion Week, the collaboration consists of eye-catching graphics inspired by the duo's trip trekking the jungles of Thailand. The six styles — three lace-ups and three slip-ons — feature "the clouded leopard" print in poppy, perfect-for-spring colors retailing for $125 each. Look out for them April 1 at **www.kenzo.com** and select stores, including Opening Ceremony.

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HOW TO BECOME FEARLESSLY MARRIED — AND STAY THAT WAY

I am often asked, "Is there such a thing as a happy marriage these days?" Patients come in to see me and talk about all the failed relationships around them. They're frustrated and fearful of marriage as a result. People's attitudes seem to be, "Every marriage fails eventually, so what's the point?" This has a profound impact on their ability to even have a healthy relationship.

Their questions are rooted in fear of the unknown. People don't know exactly how marriage will turn out when they enter it, so they get anxious. There are things you can do to ensure a healthy relationship, even through differences and difficulties. These are my tried-and-tested tips to become fearlessly married:

Define a healthy marriage. If you wanted to open a coffee shop, would you model it after the dingy one on the corner or the thriving Starbucks? Rather than focusing on botched relationships, look at what works.

Enter the marriage 100 percent committed, without the divorce option. In relationships that stand the test of time, couples are entirely focused on keeping it and doing what's necessary to maintain it.

Disagreements are normal and don't mean the end of a relationship. Look at the big picture and ask: Is it worth it to win the battle but lose the war?

Focus on what binds you, not on what separates you. You originally got together because of commonalities, not differences. Keep that focus while maintaining a sense of autonomy. The best relationships are those where both people do their thing and then come together and enjoy.

Take time out when there are arguments or fights. Issues are rarely resolved in the heat of battle, so walk away and agree to come together when things calm down. Examine your intent. Is it to hurt the other person or work toward a compromise? Avoid absolute words such as "always" or "never," as they seldom lead to a constructive conversation.

Plan a date night, e.g. movies, dinner. Have it in place early in the week so you can look forward to it.

Jonathan Alpert is a licensed psychotherapist. His book "Be Fearless: Change Your life in 28 Days" is available now.

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♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Simply by adding a new twist to an old routine, you can make things fresh. Don't hesitate to use your imagination to brighten your world.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Be alert for a rewarding opportunity to develop in a commercial involvement. It's likely to be fleeting.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22. As long as there is parity between you and the other party, a friendly agreement will have excellent chances for success.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Being extremely inventive and resourceful, you could come up with a much better method for doing a repetitive task.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. A well-calculated risk is likely to work out just as you envision it. However, be careful not to press your luck too much.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. An unusual day is in the making for you. It might involve something from the past reaching a successful conclusion at last.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. If a presentation is required in a group endeavor, you're the person to do it.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Conditions in general are extremely encouraging where your material interests are concerned.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Advancement of your personal interests is a strong possibility. Even if your tactics mystify others, the results will be gratifying.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Usually, it isn't wise to be impulsive, but today your inspirational flashes are likely to be quite good. Don't hesitate to think and act on the fly.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. An interesting new acquaintance could enter your life. This new friend is likely to be introduced to you by an old pal.

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Letters

Hey reader, leave that Metro alone

Re: "Hey Metro, leave those kids alone" (Metro, March 27) "Unhealthy obsession?" Letter writer N. Foster needs to take a chill pill. MJ's kids, like every other celebrity child, are talked about daily. I highly doubt Metro's article has any impact on them. Dorothy Robinson is just doing her JOB. I'm sure there are worse occupations out there than that of a gossip columnist. P.S. Dorothy: Keep up the good work.
JESSICA JAY, VIA E-MAIL

Gratitude: Reciprocal of courtesy

RE: "Take a moment of silence for chivalry" (Metro, March 27) How about the females rushing to the subway car before the passengers get out from the car? How about the females who rush to the vacant seat close to a man and take it as entitled without even offering a smile or a thank you to the man? Women have to understand if a man offers a seat, it is not because they are entitled it, but because of plain courtesy.
GEORGE THOMAS, VIA E-MAIL

Gail Scott doesn't want the "equal rights crap" because she doesn't believe in equal rights, but female superiority. Subway seats SHOULD be given up, by BOTH men and women, for the elderly, pregnant women, children and those with disabilities that require a seat for courtesy and decency, not for gender alone. So now women, as equals, can vote, run a Fortune 500 company, become president and enjoy the equality of fighting for a seat on the subway.
DOUGLAS BROWN, VIA E-MAIL

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20 Glasses, slangily
22 Protein sources
23 City near Zurich
24 Shell out
26 Bishop's law
29 Pony noise
33 Meant to be heard
34 Blueprints
35 Grassy field
36 Cheery tune
37 Takes on cargo
38 Bikini sporter
39 Tolerate
40 Paris river
41 Drive recklessly
42 Kind of suspicion
44 Colonist John –
45 Upshot
46 Warrior princess
48 Coffee add-in
51 – blinds
55 Not theirs
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58 Like some fears
59 Wharton grads
60 Treat with respect
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63 Glue variety
64 Chair-back piece

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29 Ringing sound
30 Trojan War saga
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32 Roman physician
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40 Glance over
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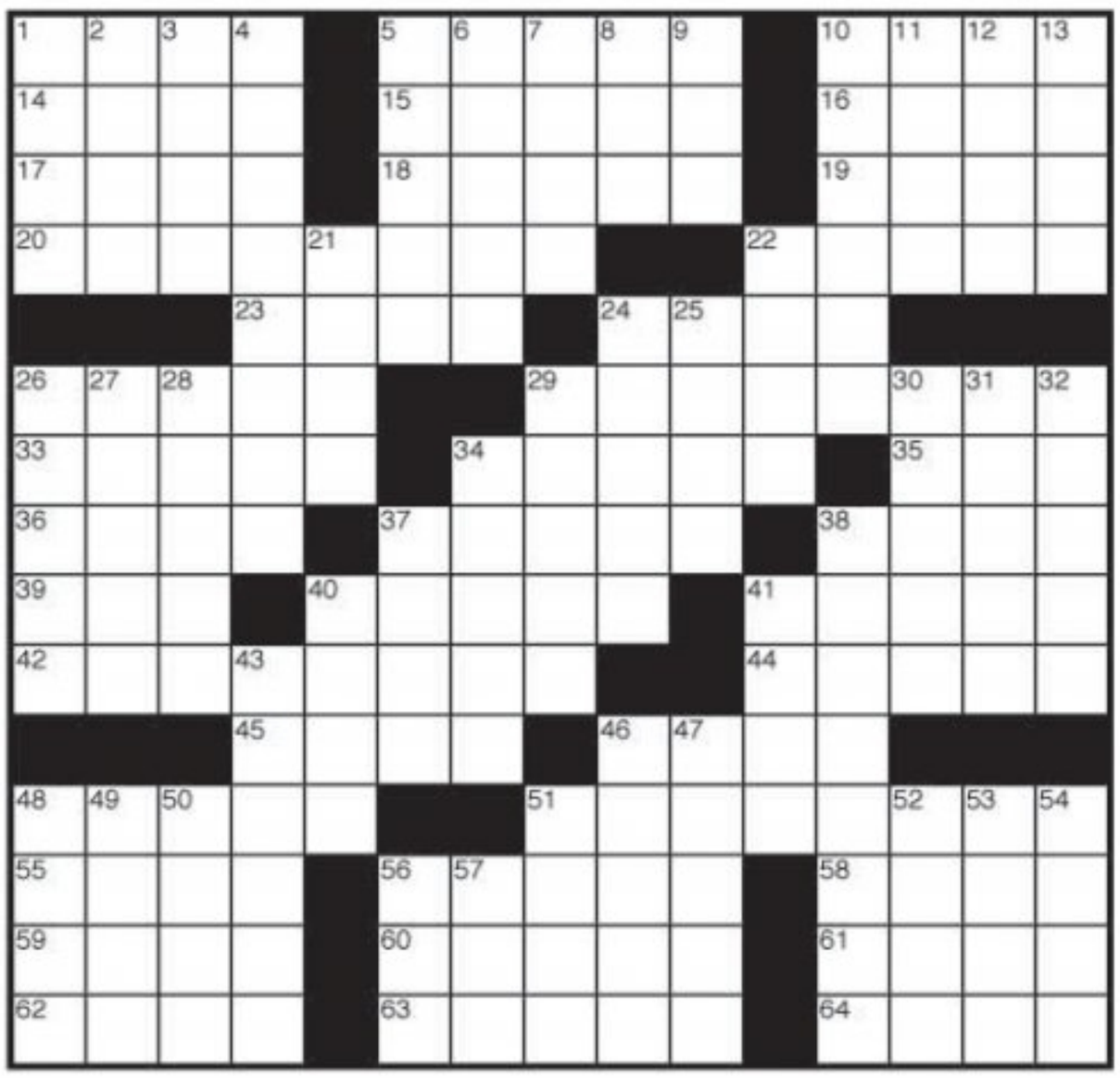

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Giannini has his players focused and ready. La Salle is 'here to win.' / GETTY IMAGES

La Salle ready to jump next hurdle

NCAA. Giannini is using past experience to guide Explorers to a national championship.

John Giannini has been through this before. The name on the front of the jersey was different, but the colors were eerily similar. The coach hopes the results are the same.

Seventeen years ago, Giannini was coaching Rowan University, a tiny Division III school across the bridge in New Jersey. Giannini built a powerhouse at Rowan, going 168-38 in his seven seasons there. Finally, in 1996, his team cut down the nets as NCAA Division III national champions. "That was special, a wonderful moment," Giannini said, reflecting on Rowan's championship from Los Angeles. "The stage may be larger [in the NCAAs], the media attention may be bigger, but those kids wanted to win just as bad, as did I, so you learn how to deal with and manage emotions from that experience."

Giannini, who took the head job at La Salle in 2004, has his Explorers trucking down the same track, only this time it's in the NCAA tournament. La Salle is four wins away from creating its own special moment — or shining moment, to be exact. The next obstacle in front of them is Wichita State, and they intend to hurdle over it. "To get here, you're going to have to win big games," Giannini said. "When we watched the video of Wichita State, we talked about the importance of not being happy at this point. We want more. We're here to win."

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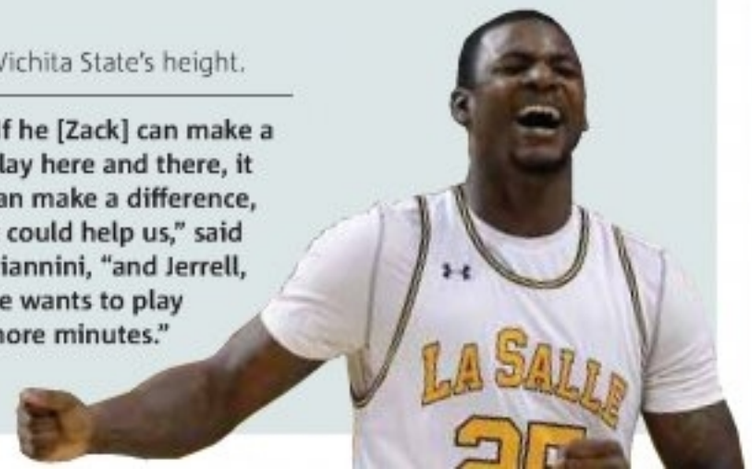
Wright stuff

One of the biggest keys for La Salle has been the post play of Jerrell Wright.

- **With 6-foot-11 center Steve Zack cleared to play, Wright (6-foot-8) won't have to shoulder the load alone.** That is a huge bonus considering Wichita State's height.
- **"If he [Zack] can make a play here and there, it can make a difference, it could help us," said Giannini, "and Jerrell, he wants to play more minutes."**



Tebow time?

Tebow: Good karma or bad?

Tim Tebow delivered an impromptu pep talk to the Wichita State basketball team. He hopped aboard the team bus after his private plan stopped at the same airport to refuel Sunday night.

"This you will remember for the rest of your lives," Tebow told them. **METRO**

Tebow / GETTY IMAGES

Outta here

McCarver to retire

Broadcaster Tim McCarver will be retiring from the broadcast booth after 2013, his 34th year as a color man. McCarver, 71, will be spending his 18th season in the FOX national broadcast booth with play-by-play man Joe Buck this year. McCarver was a catcher for 21 years in the league, most notably in St. Louis.

Funny money

MLB values surge

Major League Baseball teams are making money hand over fist, but not because of rising attendance or any other typical reasons. According to Forbes, money that all teams made from the 2006 sale of the Montreal Expos was invested in hedge funds and is now worth more than $1 billion.

Sonny Hill. No Philly school has tradition like La Salle hoops

Ask Sonny Hill about the resurgence of La Salle and his sense of pride shines through the telephone. Listening to Hill talk about the Explorers, you can feel the vibes from cell phone to cell phone.

"Of all the programs in the city of Philadelphia, you have to be happiest for La Salle because of what it has been through," said Hill, a Philly hoops legend who founded the Sonny Hill League. "If you look back historically, no area school has as storied a tradition as La Salle.

"I'm going back to Tom Gola, who's the greatest player in its history and Kenny Durrett, who I played against at the end of my career," continued Hill. "Then there's Lionel Simmons, who I helped raise. There is so much history at La Salle."

That history is evident. Since the Explorers' last NCAA berth in 1992, postseason tournaments have been scarce. They advanced to the NIT last season and were defeated in the first round.

"They've done a great job this season and have rejuvenated the fans at the Gola Arena," Hill said. "I went to the Duquesne game and I was like, 'Wow, this is something else. Are Doug Overton, Randy Woods and Lionel Simmons back?'" METRO/AJ

Hill is an icon. / GETTY IMAGES

The opponent

Wichita St. vs. La Salle, today, 10:17 p.m.

Wichita State knocked off No. 1 Gonzaga, 76-70, to advance to Sweet 16. Cleanthony Early leads the team in scoring (13.9 ppg). The Shockers have out-rebounded opponents by 7.9 per game.

Since 2010-11, Wichita State is 78-16 when out-rebounding opponents and 5-6 when getting out-rebounded. Since coach Gregg Marshall arrived, the Shockers have out-rebounded 164-of-205 opponents.

Mills brings all the intangibles needed

NCAA. La Salle's defensive stopper coming into his own after disappointing Atlantic-10 tourney

Sam Mills vowed to elevate his game if La Salle was fortunate enough to receive a berth in the NCAA tournament.

And he did.

After a frustrating, three-point effort on 1-for-8 shooting against Butler in the A-10 quarterfinals, Mills has bounced back with three straight stellar games. He has compiled 33 points on 12-for-21 shooting in those games.

Mills will look to continue his torrid play as No. 13 La Salle battles No. 9 Wichita St. in the Sweet 16 tonight. In his mind, he's still making up for that Butler game.

"I was kind of mad at myself for my play against Butler," the junior guard said on Selection Sunday. "I knew I could play better and I didn't want it to be one of the last memories for our season. To see our name here in the NCAA tournament, I now have a chance to make up for it."

How prophetic he was.

While Mills was irritated with that one game, this much is known: he is never defined by statistics. He's the type of player who will take charges, dive for 50-50 balls and deflect passes — all the intangibles.

"Sam is a great defender and he brings it, whether it's practice or a game," said guard Ramon Galloway. "He's consistent, hard-working and he's not afraid to challenge you at any time. He's a great player who quietly brings the intensity at all times."

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Phillies left-hander Cole Hamels tossed three shutout innings yesterday in his final spring tune-up. The next time he takes the mound will be Monday night against Atlanta. "I feel strong, healthy and comfortable knowing I can go out every five days and go deep into games," Hamels said. / GETTY IMAGES

Phillies. Manuel confident with Kratz filling in at catcher

Erik Kratz will be the Opening Day catcher for the Phillies in Atlanta.

Who would have guessed Kratz would score such a gig?

"If you asked me if I thought that would happen a year ago, I would be really surprised how things turned out," Kratz said. "Things change."

Indeed. Carlos Ruiz will serve a 25-game suspension after testing positive for Adderall. Chooch will miss much of the season's first month. It'll be up to Kratz to play most of that stretch.

"It helps that I played a lot late last season," Kratz said. "I didn't have a problem with that."

Kratz filled in for much of the last two months of the season after Ruiz couldn't bear the pain of plantar fasciitis. The Phillies were impressed with Kratz offensively and defensively.

"He's a big guy who can do a lot of things," Charlie Manuel said. "I like him back there behind the plate."

Kratz hit nine homers in 141 at-bats last season. He hit the ball hard, and threw runners out from his knees.

"I'm comfortable with him back there," said Cliff Lee. "He knows what to do." ED CONDRAN

Catcher on the fly

Kratz, batting .270 with two homers this spring, has hit the ball hard.

- **"I'll be ready once the regular season starts," Kratz said.** "I'm catching a lot and I'm still learning. I just want to get better and help this team win. Chooch will be back soon."

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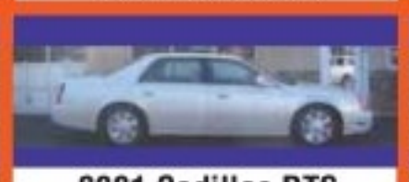
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